

SATURATION OF A NEW METHOD OF KANTOROVIČ TYPE
MEYER - KÖNIG AND ZELLER OPERATORS

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1. Introduction. Let $(\phi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of functions $\phi_n: [0, r] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($r > 0$) with the properties (i) $\phi_n \in C^\infty[0, r]$, (ii) $\phi_n(0) = 1$, (iii) $(-1)^k \phi_n^{(k)}(x) \geq 0$, $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$, $x \in [0, r]$, (iv) there exists an integer c such that $\phi_n^{(k)}(x) = -n \phi_{n-c}^{(k-1)}(x)$, $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$, $n > \max(c, 0)$, $x \in [0, r]$. Based on these functions Lehnhoff [4] introduced in 1979 a sequence of positive linear operators $M_{n,q}$ (depending on a parameter $q \in \mathbb{N}_0$), which he calls operators of Meyer-König and Zeller type, by

$$(1) \quad (M_{n,q}f)(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \phi_{n+q}^{(k)} \left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right) \left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right)^k f\left(\frac{k}{k+n}\right), \quad x \in [0, \frac{r}{r+1}],$$

for all $f \in C[0, 1)$ for which the series converge.

A suitable sequence of functions solving (i) - (iv) for $c = -1$ is $\phi_n(x) = (1+x)^{-n}$, $x \in [0, \infty)$ (i.e. $r = \infty$). (1) reduces then for $q = 0$ to the original Meyer-König and Zeller operator [7] and for $q = 1$ to the Meyer-König and Zeller operator in the modified form of Cheney and Sharma [3], both with $x \in [0, 1)$ and $f \in C[0, 1]$, such that the series converge.

The series $M_{n,q}f$ cannot be used for the approximation of functions $f \in L_p[0, 1]$,

$1 \leq p < \infty$, in the L_p -metric. According to an idea of Kantorovič we introduce therefore via

$$(M_{n,q}^* f)(x) := \frac{d}{dx} (M_{n,q} F)(x), \quad \text{where } F \text{ is a primitive of } f \in L_1[0, 1],$$

the so-called Kantorovič type Meyer-König and Zeller operators $M_{n,q}^*$ being positive linear operators from $L_1[0, 1]$ into $C[0, \frac{r}{r+1}]$ and having on account of (iv) the

representation

$$(2) \quad (M_{n,q}^* f)(x) = \frac{(n+q)}{(1-x)^2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right)^k \phi_{n+q-c}^{(k)} \left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right) \int_{\frac{k}{k+n}}^{\frac{k+1}{k+n+1}} f(t) dt,$$

$x \in [0, \frac{1}{r+1}]$. Again for the special choice of the ϕ_n as above (2) reduces for $q = 1$ to the integrated Meyer-König and Zeller operator with $x \in [0, 1)$, introduced by the author [8] and studied in two subsequent papers [6], [9]. (Two years later this operator has been rediscovered by Totik [12] and designated as Kantorovič type modification of the Meyer-König and Zeller operator.) Further examples for operators of the type (2) are not known.

2. The method. The conditions (i) - (iv) are solved for $c = 1$ by the sequence of functions $\phi_n(x) = (1-x)^n$, $x \in [0, 1]$ (i.e. $r = 1$). (2) reduces then for $q = 0$ to

$$(3) \quad (M_{n,0}^* f)(x) = \frac{n}{(1-x)^{n+1}} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} x^k (1-2x)^{n-1-k} \int_{\frac{k}{k+n}}^{\frac{k+1}{k+n+1}} f(t) dt,$$

$x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$.

$M_{n,0}^*$ is a positive linear polynomial operator from $L_1[0, \frac{1}{2}]$ into $C[0, \frac{1}{2}]$ and turns out to have a close relationship to the classical Kantorovič operator

$$(P_n f)(x) = (n+1) \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} \int_{\frac{k}{n+1}}^{\frac{k+1}{n+1}} f(t) dt, \quad x \in [0, 1]$$

for $f \in L_1[0, 1]$. In fact, the substitutions $y = \frac{x}{1-x}$ and $u = \frac{t}{1-t}$ are trans-

forming the right hand side of (3) into

$$(1+y)^2 n \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} y^k (1-y)^{n-1-k} \int_{\frac{k}{n}}^{\frac{k+1}{n}} f\left(\frac{u}{1+u}\right) \frac{du}{(1+u)^2}$$

which means that

$$(M_{n,0}^* f)(x) = (1+y)^2 (P_{n-1}g)(y) ,$$

$$(4) \quad g(u) = \frac{1}{(1+u)^2} f\left(\frac{u}{1+u}\right) , \quad u \in [0,1] .$$

Evidently $g \in L_p[0,1]$ if $f \in L_p\left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$ $1 \leq p < \infty$.

The key for our further investigations is the following

Lemma. For $f \in L_p\left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$ and the corresponding $g \in L_p[0,1]$, $1 \leq p < \infty$,

there holds

$$(5) \quad \|M_{n,0}^* f - f\|_{1\left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right]} = \|P_{n-1}g - g\|_{1[0,1]} ,$$

$$(6) \quad \|P_{n-1}g - g\|_p[0,1] \leq \|M_{n,0}^* f - f\|_p\left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right] \leq 4 \|P_{n-1}g - g\|_p[0,1] \quad \text{for } p > 1 .$$

Proof. From $dx = \frac{1}{(1+y)^2} dy$ and

$$\begin{aligned} (M_{n,0}^* f)(x) - f(x) &= (1+y)^2 (P_{n-1}g)(y) - \frac{1}{(1+y)^2} f\left(\frac{y}{1+y}\right) (1+y)^2 \\ &= (1+y)^2 [(P_{n-1}g)(y) - g(y)] \end{aligned}$$

(5) is obtained immediately. For $p > 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} |(M_{n,0}^* f)(x) - f(x)|^p dx &= \int_0^1 |(P_{n-1}g)(y) - g(y)|^p (1+y)^{2p-2} dy \\ &\leq 2^{2p} \int_0^1 |(P_{n-1}g)(y) - g(y)|^p dy , \end{aligned}$$

yielding the right hand part of (6). The estimate $(1+y)^{2p-2} \geq 1$ gives in the same way the left hand part of (6).

Corollary. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f - M_{n,0}^* f\|_p\left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right] = 0$ for every

$f \in L_p\left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$, $1 \leq p < \infty$ (i.e. $(M_{n,0}^*)_n \in \mathbb{N}$ is a positive linear polynomial approximation method in the L_p -metric).

3. Global saturation. Combining the global saturation theorems for Kantorovič polynomials of Maier [5] ($p = 1$) and Riemenschneider/Totik [10,11] ($p > 1$) with the above lemma one obtains

Theorem 1. If $f \in L_p[0, \frac{1}{2}]$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, then

$$(7) \quad \|M_{n,0}^* f - f\|_p [0, \frac{1}{2}] = o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \iff f(t) = \frac{c}{(1-t)^2}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$(8) \quad \|M_{n,0}^* f - f\|_p [0, \frac{1}{2}] = O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$\iff \begin{cases} 1) \\ f \in AC[0, \frac{1}{2}], h := t(1-2t) f' \in BV[0, \frac{1}{2}] \text{ with} \\ h(0) = h(\frac{1}{2}) = 0 \text{ for } p = 1; \\ f' \in AC[0, \frac{1}{2}], t(1-2t)f' \in L_p[0, \frac{1}{2}] \text{ for } p > 1. \end{cases}$$

Proof. (7) follows from the equivalences

$$\|M_{n,0}^* f - f\|_p [0, \frac{1}{2}] = o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \iff \|P_{n-1} g - g\|_p [0, 1] = o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$\iff g(u) = c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R} \iff f(t) = \frac{c}{(1-t)^2}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(By direct calculation it can easily be shown that the functions $f(t) = \frac{c}{(1-t)^2}$

are invariants of the operators $M_{n,0}^*$.) In the same way

$$\|M_{n,0}^* f - f\|_p [0, \frac{1}{2}] = O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \iff \|P_{n-1} g - g\|_p [0, 1] = O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right),$$

which on his part is equivalent to

$$\begin{cases} g \in AC[0, 1], \quad \eta := u(1-u) g' \in BV[0, 1] \text{ with } \eta(0) = \eta(1) = 0 \text{ for } p = 1; \\ g' \in AC[0, 1], \quad u(1-u)g'' \in L_p[0, 1] \text{ for } p > 1, \end{cases}$$

and this again to

$$\begin{cases} (1-t)^2 f \in AC[0, \frac{1}{2}], \quad \bar{h} := t(1-2t)(1-t)^2 f' - 2t(1-2t)(1-t)f \in BV[0, \frac{1}{2}] \text{ with} \\ \bar{h}(0) = \bar{h}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \text{ for } p = 1; \\ (1-t)^4 f' - 2(1-t)^3 f \in AC[0, \frac{1}{2}], \\ t(1-2t)(1-t)^4 f'' - 6t(1-2t)(1-t)^3 f' + 6t(1-2t)(1-t)^2 f \in L_p[0, \frac{1}{2}] \text{ for } p > 1, \end{cases}$$

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This means that f coincides a. e. with an absolutely continuous function.

which proves (8), since all the factors $(1-t)^k$ are redundant and $t(1-2t) f' \in BV[0, \frac{1}{2}]$ implies $f \in AC[0, \frac{1}{2}]$.

4. Local saturation. Corresponding reductions of a local saturation theorem for Kantorovič polynomials by Ditzian and May [2] lead to the following

Theorem 2. If $f \in L_p[0, \frac{1}{2}]$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, and $0 < a < a_1 < b_1 < b < \frac{1}{2}$, then

$$(9) \quad \|M_{n,0}^* f - f\|_p [a,b] = O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \implies f \in S_p[a,b],$$

$$(10) \quad f \in S_p[a,b] \implies \|M_{n,0}^* f - f\|_p [a_1, b_1] = O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right),$$

$$(11) \quad \|M_{n,0}^* f - f\|_p [a,b] = o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \implies f(t) = \frac{1}{(1-t)^2} [C_1 + C_2 \ln \frac{t}{1-2t}] \text{ on } [a,b],$$

$$(12) \quad f(t) = \frac{1}{(1-t)^2} [C_1 + C_2 \ln \frac{1}{1-2t}] \text{ on } [a,b] \implies \|M_{n,0}^* f - f\|_p [a_1, b_1] = o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right),$$

where

$$S_p[a,b] := \{f \in L_p[0, \frac{1}{2}] : f' \in AC[a,b], f'' \in L_p[a,b]\} \text{ for } p > 1,$$

$$S_1[a,b] := \{f \in L_1[0, \frac{1}{2}] : f \in AC[a,b], f' \in BV[a,b]\}.$$

A characterization of the local saturation classes is given in

Theorem 3. If $f \in L_p[0, \frac{1}{2}]$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, then the following statements are equivalent:

$$(13) \quad f \in S_p[a,b];$$

$$(14) \quad \begin{cases} \| \Delta_h^* f \|_p [a+h, b-h] \leq Kh^2, & 0 < h \leq \frac{b-a}{2}, \text{ if } p > 1, \\ \| \Delta_h^* F \|_p [a+h, b-h] \leq Kh^2 & \text{if } p = 1, \end{cases}$$

where Δ_h^* denotes the symmetric second difference

$$\Delta_h^*(f; x) = f(x-h) - 2f(x) + f(x+h) \text{ and } F \text{ is a primitive of } f.$$

Proof. The direction (13) \implies (14) and the case $p = 1$ can be treated as in the paper of Becker and Nessel [1]. We sketch a proof for the direction (14) \implies (13) and $p > 1$. Let us consider the bilinear functional

$$L_n(f, g) := \int_a^b f_n(t)g(t)dt \text{ for } f \in L_p[0, \frac{1}{2}], g \in L_q[a,b], \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1,$$

where

$$f_n(t) := \begin{cases} n^2 \Delta_1^*(f;t) & \text{for } t \in [a + \frac{1}{n}, b - \frac{1}{n}] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad n \in \mathbb{N} .$$

For an arbitrary $g \in C^2[a,b]$ with compact support in $[a,b]$ one obtains easily

$$|L_n(f,g)| \leq C_g \|f\|_p [a,b] \quad \text{with } C_g \text{ independent of } f \in L_p[0, \frac{1}{2}] \text{ and } n .$$

Therefore an integration by parts gives immediately for $f \in L_p[0, \frac{1}{2}]$ the weak* convergence

$$L(f,g) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n(f,g) = \int_a^b f(t)g''(t)dt .$$

Let now $f \in L_p[0, \frac{1}{2}]$ be fixed. On account of

$$|L_n(f,g)| \leq \|f_n\|_p [a + \frac{1}{n}, b - \frac{1}{n}] \|g\|_q [a,b] \leq K \|g\|_q [a,b] ,$$

for every $g \in L_q[a,b]$, the sequence of norms $\text{Sup} \{ |L_n(f,g)| : \|g\|_q [a,b] = 1 \}$

is uniformly bounded in n . Consequently the weak* compactness theorem implies

for $g \in L_q[a,b]$ the weak* convergence

$$\bar{L}(f,g) := \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} L_{n_k}(f,g) = \int_a^b h(t)g(t)dt$$

for a suitable $h \in L_p[a,b]$ and a subsequence (n_k) . From the unicity of the limit

functionals there follows now by a standard argument that

$$f'(t) = \int_a^b h(u)du \quad , \quad t \in [a,b] ,$$

which completes the proof.

The nonoptimal case will be treated in a forthcoming paper.

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